

1                                   **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
2                                   **FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

3                   **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

4                   **Plaintiff,**

5                   **v.**

**CIVIL NO. 12-2039 (GAG)**

6                   **COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,**  
7                   **et al.,**

8                   **Defendants.**

9                                   **ORDER re: Special Master Invoicing**

10                   The work of the Special Master has exponentially increased over the past year, given the  
11 numerous tasks the parties have asked that he attend, upon Court approval, as well as others which  
12 the Court has directly assigned. Distinct to the work of the Technical Compliance Advisor  
13 (Monitor), the role of the Special Master is not to monitor, but rather to assist the parties in matters  
14 that require apart his expertise and experience to help resolve to the benefit of PRPB's compliance  
15 with the Agreement.

16                   The Court notes that given the Special Master's recent work, the Court has authorized and  
17 approved, without objection of the parties, invoices by him in excess of the monthly amount  
18 originally encompassed. For example the last six invoices have been for the amounts of \$14,925  
19 (Docket No. 1719), \$15,600 (Docket No. 1698), \$17,352 (Docket No. 1688), \$17,025 (Docket No.  
20 1633), \$14,550 (Docket No. 1618), and \$ 16,725 (Docket No. 1604).

21                   In light of the above, and as a cost containment measure, the Court will permit the Special  
22 Master to invoice a monthly flat fee in the amount of \$15,000.00, until otherwise ordered. The flat  
23 fee rate is presently authorized for the Monitor and Chief Deputy Monitor in this case. The Special  
24 Master, upon consultation, has agreed to this flat fee.

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The present Order will operate within the Special Master budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

See Order at Docket No. 1730.

**SO ORDERED.**

In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 15th of April, 2021.

*s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí*  
GUSTAVO A. GELPI  
United States District Judge